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## ABEO wins the 5<sup>th</sup> European Small and Mid-Cap Awards 2017 in the "International Star" category

ABEO, a designer, manufacturer and distributor of sports and leisure equipment, won the 5<sup>th</sup> European Small and Mid-Cap Awards 2017 in the "International Star" category at a ceremony in Brussels on 22 November 2017.

The European Small and Mid-Cap Awards were set up to highlight the best European Small and Mid-Sized Entreprises that have gained access to capital markets via an Initial Public Offering (IPO). This is a joint initiative of the European Commission, leading European securities exchanges and EuropeanIssuers. The four winners were chosen by an independent jury from amongst a very high standard of entries from across Europe.

The International Star winner is a newly listed mid-cap company that boasts impressive results in terms of international sales, profit and market share growth. All stellar candidates competing in this category have likely expanded their presence in either existing or new markets and made great achievements on the international scene. The International Star Award will go to a well-managed company that demonstrates a sound strategy for taking advantage of opportunities outside its own country.

*"This award confirms that we have adopted the right international growth strategy to consolidate the Group's position as a leading player and expand its footprint in sportainment,"* comments Olivier Estèves, ABEO's Chief Executive Officer. *"We are very proud to receive this award which is a recognition of all employees of ABEO in building a solid and profitable Group worthy of its leadership aspirations."*

Read more at [www.abeo-bourse.com](http://www.abeo-bourse.com)

### ABOUT ABEO

ABEO is a major player in the sports and leisure ("sportainment") market. The Group posted revenue of €167 million for the year ended 31 March 2017, 70% of which was generated outside France. At year-end it had 1,200 employees.

ABEO is a designer, manufacturer and distributor of sports and leisure equipment. It also provides assistance in implementing projects to professional customers in the following sectors: specialised sports halls and clubs, leisure centres, education, local authorities, construction professionals, etc.

ABEO has a unique global offering, and operates in a wide variety of market segments, including gymnastics apparatus and landing mats, team sports equipment, physical education, climbing walls, leisure equipment and locker room fittings. The Group has a portfolio of strong brands which partner sports federations and are featured at major sporting events, including the Olympic Games.

ABEO (ISIN code: FR0013185857, ABEO) is listed on Euronext Paris – Compartment C.

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